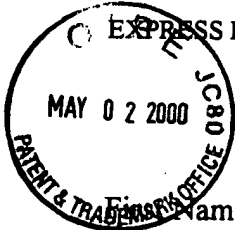


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Sir:

Applicant responds to the "NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION" mailed March 8, 2000. This response is being made within two (2) months of the mailing of the "NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION." A copy of the Notice is enclosed.

This is a nonprovisional application and applicant hereby petitions under 37 C FR §1.182 to accept the date of this submission as the application filing date.

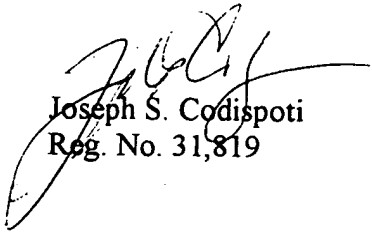
Submitted herewith are:

- (1) The omitted items listed on the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional application;
- (2) A declaration in compliance with 37 CFR §§1.63 and 1.64 referring to such omitted items.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 in the amount of \$130.00 for the required Petition fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) and for any additional fees. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

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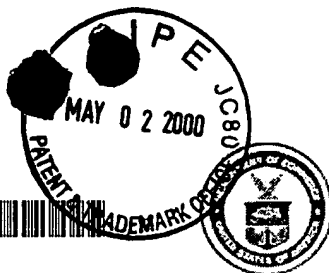

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The specification is missing.
- The specification does not include at least one claim.
A complete specification including at least one claim as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.
- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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